

RESOLUTION

In Support of the Restoration of Voter Rights for New York citizens on parole

WHEREAS a significant number of formerly incarcerated persons on parole are not permitted to vote

WHEREAS the purpose of incarceration is to rehabilitate offenders in prison and then to return those formerly incarcerated to society as full and active participants

WHEREAS several States in the Union permit the incarcerated to vote in prison and more promptly restore voter rights to those formerly incarcerated

WHEREAS bill A.7634/S.2023, which would restore voting rights for New York citizens on parole and also require the state to provide voter registration forms to people upon release from incarceration, is currently before the Assembly Elections Committee

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club supports the passage of bill A.7634/S.2023 and the establishment of a Commission to investigate the restoration of voter rights for offenders in prison.